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1. PRESSURES CONTINUE FOR FURTHER COMMENTS ON
USG ATTITUDE TOWARD MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS
FOR JOURNALISTS. WE ARE CURRENTLY REPLYING ON BASIS
REF A, BUT ARE BEING PRESSED FOR OFFICIAL COMMENT
ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WHAT IS OFFICIAL US INTERPRETATION OF THE PHRASE
QUOTE ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS UNQUOTE, WHICH
SOVIETS CLAIM MEANS BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

(B) WHAT WILL BE USG RESPONSE IF FOREIGN CORRES-
PONDENTS, E.G. SOVIET, RESIDENT IN THE US APPLY
FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS.

2. UK PRESS ATTACHE SAID TODAY BRITISH JOURNALISTS
WERE RECEIVING SAME REPLIES FROM MFA AS AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENTS, I.E. ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY
AND WXIT VISAS WILL DEPEND ON AGREEMENT REACHED
BY USSR AND UK. BRITISH OFFICIAL SAID THEY WERE
CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WHAT STEPS TO TAKE, BUT USG
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ACTION WOULD CERTAINLY BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

3. GERMAN PRESS ATTACHE, REUTERS CORRESPONDENT
AND MOST OF US PRESS CORPS ASKING QUESTION ALONG
SAME LINES.

4. UPI REPORTER SAID NORWEGIAN CORRESPONDENT TOLD
HIM THAT US AND USSR HAD REACHED QUOTE UNDERSTAND-
ING UNQUOTE IN GENEVA ABOUT MEANING OF DISPUTED
PHRASE. EMBOFF CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY QUOTE DEALS
UNQUOTE AND OUTLINED USG ACTIONS ALONG LINES OF REF A.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE ASAP ANY FURTHER
GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED REGARDING QUERIES
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